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SUBJ: CSCE - THE CURRENT VIEW FROM BUDAPEST

1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY MAY 30 SPOKE BEFORE NATIONAL PEACE COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND CSCE. AFTER POINTING TO POSITIVE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN DETENTE, NAGY DEALT AT LENGTH WITH "NEGATIVE FORCES ATTEMPTING TO HINDER DETENTE". CITED AS EXAMPLE WE PROPOSALS ON ITEM THREE AND ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA. BLAMED PRESENT STALEMATE ON POLITICAL CRISIS IN WEST AND ALLEGEDLY FALSE ASSUMPTION BY NATO THAT CONFERENCE MORE IN INTEREST OF WP COUNTRIES. DISCUSSED REASONS WHY "SOCIALISTS" MUST BE WARY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITEM THREE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING FRAGILITY OF SOCIALIST

SYSTEMS, AND THEN WENT ON TO GIVE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSIS CONCERNING PROGRESS IN GENEVA, POSSIBILITIES REGARDING EARLY CONCLUSION OF PRESENT SESSION AND EARLY HOLDING OF THIRD ROUND AT "HIGHEST LEVEL". NEVERTHELESS, NAGY APPEARS TO BE CONCERNED THAT MOMENTUM OF GENEVA TALKS THREATENED. END SUMMARY.

2. HUNGARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY MET MAY 30 AND LISTENED TO LECTURES GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTRY, CHURCH, MILITARY AND PARTY OFFICIALS. KEYNOTE SPEECH BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS NAGY HIGHLIGHTED IN PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG, THUS STRESSING OFFICIAL NATURE OF REMARKS.

3. NAGY BEGAN BY OUTLINING POSITIVE EFFECTS OF DETENTE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION BUT THEN QUICKLY SHIFTED TO LAMENT RISE OF "REACTIONARY FORCES ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THEIR INFLUENCE FELT BY HAMPERING DETENTE". HE CRITICIZED WESTERN PROPOSALS RE FREE FLOW OF PEOPLE, IDEAS AND INFORMATION AS ATTEMPT TO "MODIFY ESTABLISHED PRACTICES AND EXISTING LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES", ADDING THAT ISSUES BEING USED OUTSIDE CSCE CONFERENCE FOR "ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA".

4. NAGY DISMISSED WESTERN ASSERTIONS THAT FIRST ROUND OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDED TO INTERESTS OF WP COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE QUESTIONS RELATING TO EUROPEAN SECURITY AND INVOLABILITY OF BORDERS. HE ARGUED THAT WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO COUNTER-BALANCE SOCIALIST ADVANTAGE THROUGH THIRD ITEM PROPOSALS WOULD BLUR FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES. CLAIMED POLITICAL CRISIS IN EUROPE AND US HAD "RETARDING INFLUENCE ON PROGRESS OF CONFERENCE" MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE DECISIONS REGARDING WP PROPOSALS ON EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

5. RETURNING TO THIRD ITEM NAGY ARGUED THAT "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" FAR AHEAD OF WEST IN MANY AREAS OF CULTURAL AND HUMAN EXCHANGE, BUT THEN WENT ON TO STRESS THAT "SOCIALIST SYSTEM HISTORICALLY NEW; THAT WE MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTECT OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM, OUR WAYS OF LIFE, AND SOCIALIST COMMITMENT OF OUR PEOPLE". HE ADDED THAT WESTERN EFFORTS TO "DISCREDIT AND SOFTEN UP" SOCIALIST COUNTRIES RESULT OF MORE SOPHISTICATED POLICIES OF CAPITALIST WORLD.

6. ON MORE POSITIVE NOTE NAGY SAID THAT VIEWPOINTS ON THIRD ITEM "DO NOT DIFFER SO GREATLY THAT IT WOULD

NOT BE POSSIBLE WIT ZUT DELAY TO FIND MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION" AND STRESSED THAT SECOND ROUND
IN GENEVA "COULD" BE CONCLUDED WITHIN SHORT TIME, AND
THAT IN JULY THIRD ROUND "COULD" BE HELD AT "HIGHEST
LEVEL". HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT "THOSE WHO BELIEVE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INCLINED TO PAY ANY PRICE FOR IT
(RAPID PROGRESS) MAKE A GRAVE MISTAKE".

7. ALTHOUGH REPEATING STANDARD WP PHRASEOLOGY ON
ALLEGED WESTERN MANEUVERS ON BASKET THREE, NAGY'S
COMMENTS SEEM FAIRLY POSITIVE ALONGSIDE FORMULATIONS
OF FONMIN PUJA. NEVERTHELESS, WE CANNOT ESCAPE
CONCLUSION THAT NAGY IS INDICATING THAT MOMENTUM OF
CSCE IS SLOWING DOWN. HIS USE OF CONDITIONAL TENSE
ON CONCLUSION SECOND ROUND OF CSCE AND ABOUT THIRD
ROUND IN JULY IS SOFTER FORMULATION THAN PREVIOUSLY
USED AND REFLECTS DOUBT WHETHER SUCH TIMETABLE NOW
LIKELY. INDICATION THEY WOULD NOT MAKE (BASKET THREE)
CONCESSIONS TO MEET SCHEDULE IS OF SIMILAR NATURE.
AT SAME TIME NAGY WISHES TO MAKE SURE RECORD SHOWS
HUNGARIANS AND WP ARE CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS SO THAT
IF PACE OF GENEVA TALKS SLOWS DOWN BLAME CANNOT BE
IMPUTED TO MEMBERS OF WP.

8. REFERENCE TO NEED TO PROTEST "HISTORICALLY NEW"
SOCIALIST SYSTEM IS DEFENSIVE AND REFLECTS, IN WAY
SELDOM EXPRESS HERE, CONTINUED BRITTLENESS OF
POLITICAL SYSTEMS IN EE.
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